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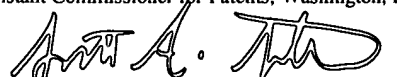
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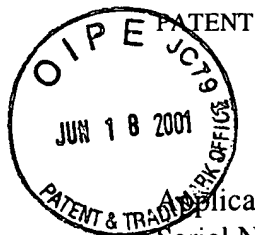
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In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are also enclosed.

It is also brought to the attention of the Examiner the co-pending U.S. Serial Nos. 09/281,026, filed on March 30, 1999 by Block et al.; 09/481,177, filed on January 12, 2000 by Funk et al.; 09/638,328, filed on August 14, 2000 by Miller et al.; 09/697,398, filed on October 27, 2000 by Miller et al.; 09/718,924, filed on November 22, 2000 by Block; and 09/809,408, filed on March 15, 2001 by Dervin et al.

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Consideration of the references and the remarks presented herein in the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

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